

REMARKS

Claims 3-7 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 3-7 are allowed.

By this Amendment, the only rejected claims, claims 1 and 2, are canceled. The only objected claim, claim 6, is amended to obviate an informality, as the Examiner suggested. (The Office Action objects to claim 5. However, Applicant believes that the objected claim is actually claim 6, because claim 5 does not recite the objected feature.)

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the references listed on, and to return an initialed copy of, the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the August 15, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 3-7 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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